

REMARKS

Claims 10-14 and 44-46 remain in the application and have been amended hereby with claims 1-9, 15-43, and 46-59 having been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

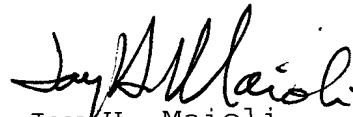
This application is a division of application serial no. 09/601,733 filed August 7, 2000. On October 6, 2003 a Restriction Requirement issued in that parent application and the present claims are directed to the nonelected invention in that parent application.

As will be noted from the Declaration, Applicants are citizens and residents of Japan and this application originated there.

Accordingly, the amendments made to the specification are provided to place the application in idiomatic English, and the claims are amended to place them in better condition for examination.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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